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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace paragraph beginning on line 7, of page 1 with the following paragraph:

The present invention relates to the following co-pending, commonly owned, U.S. patent applications: "GAMING DEVICE HAVING A REPLICATING DISPLAY THAT PROVIDES WINNING PAYLINE INFORMATION", Serial No. 09/629,606, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-032; and "GAMING DEVICE HAVING DIFFERENT SETS OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY REEL SYMBOLS," Serial No. 09/837,081, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-472; "GAMING DEVICE HAVING INDEPENDENT REEL COLUMNS," Serial No. 09/688,428, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-477; "GAMING DEVICE HAVING INDEPENDENT BONUS REELS," Serial No. 09/967,266, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-809; and "GAMING DEVICE HAVING DIFFERENT SETS OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY REEL SYMBOLS," Serial No. 10/098,691; Attorney Docket No. 0112300-994.